(e) what steps Government propose to take to ensure timely rotation of employees to check any nexus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) to (e) Department of Personnel and Training has not issued any general guidelines laying down any specific time limit for the Central Government officers to remain posted at one place in the Ministry/Department etc. Different Departments of the Government have formulated their Department specific schemes which lay down the post tenure and station tenure of various civil service posts keeping in view the availability of man-power, functional needs, financial constraints and sensitivity of posts. It is left to the individual Departments to enforce these orders and grant extension of station/post tenure in public interest or on compassionate grounds. Further, the Recruitment Rules of some posts which are notified by the President in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission or by the individual Departments also prescribe the post tenure of each post. The Central Staffing Scheme also prescribes the tenure and the cooling off for various posts of and above the level of Under Secretary. In the case of selection made by the UPSC on transfer on deputation basis, further extension is granted by the concerned Departments in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission.

Development on Inter State River Basins

*353. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's draft water policy favours legal measures for development of inter State river basins as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 22nd March, 1999;

(b) whether it is a fact that country's total annual requirement of fresh water from various sectors is likely to be 1,050 billion cubic meters by 2025 A.D. as against the current demand of 600 billion cubic meters; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take/include in its "National Water Policy" so as to meet India's demand for fresh water in the new millennium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Realising the importance and scarcity attached to the fresh water, the draft National Water Policy emphasises that the fresh water has to be treated as an essential environment for sustaining all life forms. To achieve this objective, the draft policy includes practicing non-conventional methods for utilisation of water such as through inter-basin transfers, artificial recharge of ground water, desalination of brackish or sea water and rain water harvesting; reforms in institutional mechanism, participatory approach to water resources management, private sector participation, maintaining water quality, performance improvement, financial and physical sustainability and Guidelines for water allocation amongst the States.

Criteria for Estimating Incidence of Poverty

*354. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to determine a new criteria for estimating the incidence of poverty for allocation of funds under the major Centrally-sponsored rural poverty alleviation programmes namely the JRY, Million Wells Scheme etc; and